

RONALD WAYNE BUNTON	§	
VS.	§	CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:10CV750
MICHAEL LAFORGE, ET AL	§	

Petitioner, Ronald Wayne Bunton, an inmate confined at the Darrington Unit, proceeding *pro se*, seeks a writ of mandamus compelling the Liberty County District Attorney's Office to investigate petitioner's allegations and file criminal charges against certain named individuals he believes have committed crimes.

The court has received and considered the Report and Recommendation of United States Magistrate Judge filed pursuant to such order, along with the record, and pleadings. Petitioner filed objections to the magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation. This requires a *de novo* review of the objections in relation to the pleadings and applicable law. *See* FED. R. CIV. P. 72(b). After careful consideration, the court concludes petitioner's objections are without merit. As the magistrate judge correctly concluded, federal courts lack the power to mandamus judicial officers, including state prosecutors, in the performance of their duties. *See Lewis v. Texas*, 2001 WL 1075827 (5th Cir. Aug. 21, 2001).

Accordingly, petitioner's objections are **OVERRULED**. The findings of fact and conclusions of law of the magistrate judge are correct, and the report of the magistrate judge is

ADOPTED. A final judgment will be entered in this case in accordance with the magistrate judge's recommendations.

So **ORDERED** and **SIGNED** this **22** day of **January, 2011**.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Clark", is positioned above a horizontal line.

Ron Clark, United States District Judge